

# DEPARTMENT OF STATE



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## AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

Today's Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture expands and strengthens United States and USSR cooperation in the exchange of information on production, trade, and crop forecasting techniques, joint efforts in the agricultural sciences, and promotes contacts among institutions and specialists concerned with agriculture in the two countries. This Agreement became effective immediately upon signature.

Initial negotiations were carried on in Moscow May 21-25 by a United States team headed by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carroll G. Brunthaver. The final agreement was the result of continuing work in Washington and Moscow, by representatives of the two Governments. The Agreement will be in force for five years, then automatically extended for five-year periods unless terminated by either country.

### Outline of major provisions:

-- The Agreement provides for the regular exchange of information, including forward estimates, on production, consumption, demand and trade of major agricultural commodities. It provides for cooperation in the use of forecasting methods, to be used in appraising production, demand, and consumption.

-- The Agreement provides for increased cooperation in plant and animal research, soil science, farm mechanization, agricultural chemicals, land reclamation, and the use of mathematical methods and electronic computers. Included is an increase in the exchange of scientists and specialists, the exchange of technical information, and the exchange of animals, seeds, plant germ plasm, and other biological materials.

-- The Agreement calls for increased cooperation and direct contacts between research and other organizations, trade associations, and commercial firms, including assistance for the travel of scientists and specialists in connection with activities under the Agreement.

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To implement this Agreement, a US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation will be established, to meet once a year alternately in the two countries. The Joint Committee will review and approve specific projects, establish procedures, and make recommendations to the two Governments.

Within the framework of the Joint Committee, two Working Groups will be established -- a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information and a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research and Technological Development. Projects developed by the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research which were approved by the Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Cooperation on May 21, 1973, will continue without interruption, becoming the responsibility of the new US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation.

It is expected that the first meeting of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation will be held soon, and that this will be followed promptly by a meeting of the Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

The Government of the United States of America and the  
Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Taking into account the importance which the production of  
food has for the peoples of both countries and for all of mankind;

Desiring to expand existing cooperation between the two  
countries in the field of agricultural research and development;

Wishing to apply new knowledge and technology in agricultural  
production and processing;

Recognizing the desirability of expanding relationships in  
agricultural trade and the exchange of information necessary  
for such trade;

Convinced that cooperation in the field of agriculture will  
contribute to overall improvement of relations between the two  
countries;

In pursuance and further development of the Agreement between  
the Government of the United States of America and the Government  
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation in the  
Fields of Science and Technology of May 24, 1972, and in accordance  
with the Agreement on Exchanges and Cooperation in Scientific,  
Technical, Educational, Cultural and Other Fields of April 11,  
1972, and in accordance with the Agreement on Cooperation in the  
Field of Environmental Protection of May 23, 1972;

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

The Parties will develop and carry out cooperation in the field of agriculture on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

## ARTICLE II

The Parties will promote the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in the following main areas:

1. Regular exchange of relevant information, including forward estimates, on production, consumption, demand and trade of major agricultural commodities.
2. Methods of forecasting the production, demand and consumption of major agricultural products, including econometric methods.
3. Plant science, including genetics, breeding, plant protection and crop production, including production under semi-arid conditions.
4. Livestock and poultry science, including genetics, breeding, physiology, nutrition, disease protection and large-scale operations.
5. Soil science, including the theory of movement of water, gases, salts, and heat in soils.
6. Mechanization of agriculture, including development and testing of new machinery, equipment and technology, as well as repair and technical service.
7. Application, storage and transportation of mineral fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals.
8. Processing, storage and preservation of agricultural commodities, including formula feed technology.

9. Land reclamation and reclamation engineering, including development of new equipment, designs and materials.
10. Use of mathematical methods and electronic computers in agriculture, including mathematical modeling of large-scale agricultural enterprises.

Other areas of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

### ARTICLE III

Cooperation between the Parties may take the following forms:

1. Exchange of scientists, specialists and trainees.
2. Organization of bilateral symposia and conferences.
3. Exchange of scientific, technical and relevant economic information, and methods of research.
4. Planning, development and implementation of joint projects and programs.
5. Exchange of plant germ plasm, seeds and living material.
6. Exchange of animals, biological materials, agricultural chemicals, and models of new machines, equipment and scientific instruments.
7. Direct contacts and exchanges between botanical gardens.
8. Exchange of agricultural exhibitions.

Other forms of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

### ARTICLE IV

1. In furtherance of the aims of this Agreement, the Parties will, as appropriate, encourage, promote and monitor the development of cooperation and direct contacts between

governmental and non-governmental institutions, research and other organizations, trade associations, and firms of the two countries, including the conclusion, as appropriate, of implementing agreements for carrying out specific projects and programs under this Agreement.

2. To assure fruitful development of cooperation, the Parties will render every assistance for the travel of scientists and specialists to areas of the two countries appropriate for the conduct of activities under this Agreement.

3. Projects and exchanges under this Agreement will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the two countries.

#### ARTICLE V

1. For implementation of this Agreement, there shall be established a US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation which shall meet, as a rule, once a year, alternately in the United States and the Soviet Union, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2. The Joint Committee will review and approve specific projects and programs of cooperation; establish the procedures for their implementation; designate, as appropriate, institutions and organizations responsible for carrying out cooperative activities; and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Parties.

3. Within the framework of the Joint Committee there shall be established a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information and a Joint Working Group on Agricultural

Research and Technological Development. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, each Joint Working Group will meet alternately in the United States and the Soviet Union at least two times a year. The Joint Committee may establish other working groups as it deems necessary.

4. The Executive Agents for coordinating and carrying out this Agreement shall be, for the Government of the United States of America, the United States Department of Agriculture, and for the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ministry of Agriculture of the USSR. The Executive Agents will, as appropriate, assure the cooperation in their respective countries of other institutions and organizations as required for carrying out joint activities under this Agreement. During the period between meetings of the Joint Committee, the Executive Agents will maintain contact with each other and coordinate and supervise the development and implementation of cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VI

Unless an implementing agreement contains other provisions, each Party or participating institution, organization or firm, shall bear the costs of its participation and that of its personnel in cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VII

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to prejudice or modify any existing Agreements between the Parties.

2. Projects developed by the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research which were approved at the first session of the US-USSR Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Cooperation on March 21, 1973, will continue without interruption and will become the responsibility of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation upon its formal establishment.

#### ARTICLE VIII

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for five years. It will be automatically extended for successive five-year periods unless either Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement not later than six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the validity of implementing agreements concluded under this Agreement between institutions, organizations and firms of the two countries.

DONE at Washington, this                      day of June, 1973,  
in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both texts  
being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION  
OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: